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Serial No. 10/687,754

Group Art Unit: 2652

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For: NARROW TRACK THIN FILM MAGNETIC HEAD AND

FABRICATION METHOD THEREOF

LETTER

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

December 3, 2003

Sir:

The Applicants filed, via facsimile, a Second Preliminary
Amendment on November 4, 2003. However, the Applicants
representative has learned that the Examiner has never
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The Applicants request entry of the Second Preliminary
Amendment. Copies of the Second Preliminary Amendment and
Certification of Facsimile Transmission are enclosed.

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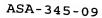
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Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows.